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Subject: Memorandum for the Economic Policy Council

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REMARKS:

The attached memorandum, from William J. Maroni, is concerning the Presidential Decision on the Use of Chinese Space Launch Services for U.S. Satellites

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL

FROM: WILLIAM J. MARONI 
SUBJECT: Presidential Decision on the Use of Chinese Space
Launch Services for U.S. Satellites

On Wednesday, September 7, 1988 the Economic Policy Council met to consider two pending export license applications for U.S. satellites to be launched on China's "Long March" family of rockets. Following the Council's deliberations, recommendations from the EPC and the National Security Council were presented to the President.

The attached memorandum from the EPC's acting chairman pro tempore, Peter McPherson, communicates the President's decision with respect to this matter. The President's decision was conveyed to the Congress, the People's Republic of China (PRC), and the license applicants by the Department of State.

Minutes for the September 7 meeting will be distributed to Council members at the end of this week. Should you have any questions concerning this issue, please contact my office.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Presidential Decision on access to Chinese Boosters

Pursuant to the deliberations of the Economic Policy Council on Wednesday, September 7, and the subsequent advice from the EPC and the NSC on the issue of export licenses for certain U.S. satellites, the President has decided to direct the State Department to notify Congress of his intention to approve the two pending export license applications for commercial communications satellites to be launched on the People's Republic of China (PRC) rockets provided that the PRC government meets the following three preconditions through written agreements:

- 1) U.S.-PRC agreement on adequate technology transfer safeguards;
- 2) U.S.-PRC agreement establishing the liability responsibilities of the Chinese government; and
- 3) U.S.-PRC agreement to protect the U.S. commercial launch industry from future unfair Chinese pricing or trade practices relating to launch competition.

Final issuance of the export licenses is subject to the concurrence of the Congress during the 30 days following notification of the President's intention, concurrence of COCOM and satisfactory conclusion of formal agreements on the three issues stated above.

As a result of this decision, the U.S. Trade Representative, working through the interagency process, will begin efforts to prepare for and initiate negotiations with the PRC on precondition 3. (The State Department will simultaneously be commencing discussions with PRC officials on preconditions 1 and 2.)

In addition, the President reaffirmed the Administration's policy of promoting and encouraging a strong U.S. commercial launch industry. The President also decided that, as a matter of policy, the U.S. Government will continue its case-by-case approach to decisions on future export license requests for satellites destined for the PRC.

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